

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims.

1. (Currently Amended) Method comprising:

detecting, at a mobile terminal device, ~~a user~~ an input directed to start execution of an application on said mobile terminal device;

initiating a message to a surveillance center, wherein said message indicates that the application has been started, ~~and wherein the message is initiated after a predetermined period of time has passed since the application was first started or after a predetermined number of input actions has been input to the application;~~

starting a restricted execution of said application, within a predetermined functional limit, after said message has been initiated;

determining whether the message has been sent; and

further restricting the execution of said application, within a more restrictive functional limit, based on said determination.

2. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~sending~~ determining to send said message to said surveillance center; and

starting said restricted execution of said application, within the ~~predetermined limits~~ functional limit, after said message has been sent.

3. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said application is a game application.

4. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said message indicates the start of an execution of an application.

5. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said restricted execution is further based on a time limit.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said initiating of a message to said surveillance center comprises:

setting up a connection to the surveillance center;

determining to send ~~sending~~ the message to the surveillance center, said message comprising application execution related data; and

receiving an authorization to execute said application within said limits defined by said surveillance center.

8. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 7, wherein said application execution related data comprise:

data selected from ~~the group comprising~~ an application identification, mobile electronic terminal identification, user identification, player identification, communication parameter, ~~and pin-code,~~ or a combination thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said application determines to send ~~starts the sending of a said~~ message to said surveillance center.

10. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 7, further comprising:

determining to output ~~outputting~~ a user-authorization request to send the message to the surveillance center; and

detecting a user-authorization input authorizing said connection set up.

11. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~outputting~~ determining to output a user-authorization request to perform a payment transaction;

detecting a user-authorization input for authorizing said payment transaction, and performing said authorized payment transaction.

12. (Original) Method according to claim 11, wherein said authorized payment transaction is performed by charging an onboard payment device.

13. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 11, wherein said authorized payment transaction is performed by sending said authorization for said payment transaction to said surveillance center.

14. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 11, wherein said payment transaction is charged to the next telephone bill.

15. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said message is sent periodically.

16. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said application determines the number of messages to be sent and the point in time a message is sent.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said message is determined as not being sent, if a confirmation message that said message has been sent is not received within a defined period.

19. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:
buffering of said messages not sent.

20. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:
determining conditions that prevent the sending of said message, wherein the execution of
said application is further based on whether the conditions are present.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a confirmation message that said message has been sent.

23. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:
interrupting the execution of said application, if said message has not been sent.

24. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein said message is sent via general packet radio service.

25. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising downloading application software to said mobile terminal device.

26. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~determining the actual date;~~

comparing ~~said actual date with~~ a time rule provided in said application with an actual date;

and

interrupting the execution of said application, if said actual date does not meet said time rule.

27. (Currently Amended) Method comprising:

receiving a message from a mobile terminal device at a surveillance center, said message

comprising application execution related data, wherein the message indicates that the

application has been started, and wherein the message is initiated after a predetermined

period of time has passed since the application was first started or after a predetermined

number of input actions has been input to the application;

generating, at the surveillance center, an authorization to a restricted execution of said

application within predetermined functional limits on said mobile terminal device; and

~~causing sending of~~ determining to send said authorization to said mobile terminal device.

28. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 27, further comprising:

evaluating said message received from said mobile terminal device at a surveillance center;

~~storing~~ determining to store a result of said evaluation and an identification related to the use of said application in said data base; and
generating said authorization to a restricted execution of said application in accordance with said result of said evaluation.

29. (Previously Presented) Method for enabling the surveyed execution of an application on said mobile terminal device, by using a data exchange with a surveillance center, comprising the steps of claim 1.

30. (Currently Amended) Software tool comprising program code means stored on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium for carrying out the method of claim 1 when said software tool is run on a computer or network device.

31. (Currently Amended) Computer program product comprising program code means stored on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium for carrying out the method of claim 1 when said program product is run on a computer or network device.

32. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
at least one processor; and
at least one memory including computer program code,
the at least one program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:
receive user input;

detect, notify, and restrict the execution of an application; notify the execution of said application to a surveillance center connected to said communication network by sending a message indicating that an application has been started, ~~and wherein the message is initiated after a predetermined period of time has passed since the application was first started or after a predetermined number of input actions has been input to the application;~~

restrict the execution of said application in accordance with a predetermined functional limit;

determine whether the message has been sent; and

further restrict the execution of said application, within a more restrictive functional limit, based on the determination.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said apparatus is further caused to receive authorizations from said surveillance center, comprising said limits for executing said application, and restrict the execution of said application on said processing unit in accordance with said limits.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said apparatus is a game device.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said apparatus comprises a cellular telephone.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 32 further comprising a buffer for messages, said buffer is capable to buffer messages, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

buffer the message based on the determination, wherein the execution of said application is further based on whether said buffer is full.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following:

receive messages comprising application execution related data from a mobile terminal device, wherein each message of the messages indicates that an application has been started, and wherein the message is initiated after a predetermined period of time has passed since the application was first started or after a predetermined number of input actions has been input to the application; and

generate an authorization for a restricted execution of said application within a predetermined functional limit on said mobile terminal,

~~wherein said interface is configured to~~ determine to send said generated authorization as a message via said communication network to said mobile terminal device.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 37, said apparatus is further caused to:

evaluate messages received from said mobile terminal device, via an interface,
store determine to store a result of said evaluation and an identification related to the use of
said application in an evaluation circuit, and
generate said authorization to a restricted execution of said application in accordance with a
result received from said evaluation circuit.

39. (Currently Amended) Application execution system comprising:

a mobile terminal device comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the
apparatus to perform at least the following:

receive ~~user~~ input;

detect, notify and restrict the execution of an application;

notify the execution of said application to a surveillance center connected to a
communication network by sending a message indicating that an application has been
started, and ~~wherein the message is initiated after a predetermined period of time has
passed since the application was first started or after a predetermined number of input
actions has been input to the application;~~ further

restrict the execution of said application in accordance with a predetermined functional
limit;

determine whether the message has been sent; and

further restrict the execution of said application, within a more restrictive functional limit,
based on said determination; and

a surveillance center comprising:

an interface to a mobile communication network for receiving messages comprising application execution related data from a mobile terminal device; and

an authorization generation circuit connected to said interface for generating an authorization for a restricted execution of said application within predetermined limits on said mobile terminal,

wherein said interface is configured to send said generated authorization as a message via said communication network to said mobile terminal device.

40. (Previously Presented) Method for enabling the surveyed execution of an application on said mobile terminal device, by using a data exchange with a surveillance center, comprising the steps of claim 27.

41. (Currently Amended) Software tool comprising program code means stored on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium for carrying out the method of claim 27 when said software tool is run on a computer or network device.

42. (Currently Amended) Computer program product comprising program code means stored on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium for carrying out the method of claim 27 when said program product is run on a computer or network device.

43. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising:
buffering the message based on the determination, wherein the execution of said application is further based on whether said buffer is full.

44. (New) Method according to claim 1, wherein the message is initiated after a predetermined period of time has passed since the application was first started or after a predetermined number of input actions has been input to the application.